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To the Chairman and Members of the Kington Rural District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for 1962, together with the report of the Public Health Inspector.

I would like to thank Mr. Chillingford for his help and co-operation during the year.

G.D.K. NEEDHAM

Medical Officer of Health

STATISTICS AND VITAL STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	44,472
Estimated mid-year home population	4,410
Average number of persons per acre	.10
Number of inhabited houses	1,436
Average number of inhabited houses per acre ..	.03
Average number of persons per house	3.1
Rateable Value	£26,671
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£98.17. 8.

LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS

Live Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	35	30	65
Illegitimate	3	1	4
	38	31	69

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

Comparability factor: 1.28	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958
Kington R.D. (Crude) ..	15.6	16.0	14.4	13.0	15.3
" " (Adjusted) ..	20.0	18.4	16.6	14.9	17.6
England and Wales ..	18.0	17.4	17.1	16.5	16.4

Illegitimate Live Births

Per cent of total live births:

Kington R.D. ..	5.8
England and Wales ..	6.6

Still Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births:

	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958
Kington R.D. ..	Nil	53.3	14.5	31.2	Nil
England and Wales ..	18.1	19.1	19.8	21.0	21.6

INFANT DEATH RATES

Early Neonatal Mortality

Deaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Early Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Kington R.D.	..	Nil
England and Wales	..	figure not yet available

Neonatal Mortality

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	1	-	1

Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Kington R.D.	..	14.5
England and Wales	..	15.1

Perinatal Mortality

Still Births and Deaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Kington R.D.	..	Nil
England and Wales	..	30.8

Infant Mortality

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	1	-	1

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 related live births:

		1962	1961	1960	1959	1958
Kington R.D.	(Total	14.5	14.1	29.4	Nil	13.6
	(Legitimate	Nil	14.3	31.9	Nil	14.4
	(Illegitimate	250.0	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
England & Wales	(Total	21.6	21.6	21.9	22.2	22.5
	(Legitimate	*	21.2	21.5	21.9	22.3
	(Illegitimate	*	25.3	26.4	27.4	27.8

* figures not yet available

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Total number of Maternal Deaths .. Nil

Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Kington R.D.	..	Nil
England and Wales	..	figure not yet available

DEATHS

	Males	Females	Total
Total number of deaths from all causes:	29	35	64

Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

Comparability factor: 0.81		1962	1961	1960	1959	1958
Kington R.D. (Crude)	..	14.5	10.8	10.9	9.7	12.1
" " (Adjusted)	..	11.7	9.5	9.6	8.4	10.7
England and Wales	..	11.9	12.0	11.5	11.6	11.7

Cancer

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Malignant Disease:	8	6	14

Cancer Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

		1962	1961	1960	1959	1958
Kington R.D.	..	3.17	1.58	2.10	1.05	1.89
England and Wales	..	2.18	2.15	2.16	2.14	2.12

Cardio-Vascular Disease

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Cardio-Vascular Disease:	10	18	28

Cardio-Vascular Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

		1962	1961	1960	1959	1958
Kington R.D.	..	6.35	6.31	5.03	6.30	7.13
England and Wales	..	6.14	6.10	6.00	5.88	6.07

Respiratory Disease (excluding Tuberculosis)

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Respiratory Disease:	6	6	12

Respiratory Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

		1962	1961	1960	1959	1958
Kington R.D.	..	2.72	1.13	1.68	1.05	0.84
England and Wales	..	1.57	1.60	1.26	1.53	1.37

CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)

Disease	Males	Females	Total
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	3	-	3
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	5	2	7
Vascular lesions of nervous system	-	7	7
Coronary disease, angina	7	1	8
Other heart disease	3	6	9
Other circulatory disease	-	4	4
Influenza	1	1	2
Pneumonia	3	2	5
Bronchitis	2	3	5
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
Congenital malformations	1	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	3	4
Accidents, other than motor vehicle	1	1	2
Suicide	1	-	1
TOTAL	29	35	64

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Kington R.D.

Disease	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958
Whooping Cough	-	7	11	2	16
Measles	10	180	6	75	3
Scarlet Fever	2	1	-	4	-
Erysipelas	-	-	2	-	-
Acute Pneumonia	1	1	2	4	-
Dysentery	-	-	10	-	-
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	3	-	-	-	1

North Herefordshire

Whooping Cough	13	126	70	38	39
Measles	337	583	189	388	258
Scarlet Fever	9	11	23	46	28
Erysipelas	5	3	4	4	2
Acute Encephalitis:					
Infective	2	1	3	-	-
Post-Infectious	2	-	1	-	-
Acute Pneumonia	15	18	18	33	14
Dysentery	1	62	123	3	16
Food Poisoning	5	11	39	3	5
Paratyphoid Fever	1	-	-	-	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	-	-	2
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	7	9	7	13	7
Non-Pulmonary	2	2	3	2	3
Malaria (Contracted abroad)	1	-	-	-	-

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN NORTH HEREFORDSHIRE DURING THE YEAR 1962

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apl.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Whooping Cough	-	-	3	1	2	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	13
Measles	-	-	-	6	14	103	52	23	3	40	79	17	337
Scarlet Fever	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	2	1	9
Erysipelas	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	5
Acute Encephalitis:													
Infective	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Post-Infectious	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
Acute Pneumonia	4	-	5	-	1	2	-	1	-	2	-	-	15
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	5
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis:													
Pulmonary	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	7
Non-Pulmonary	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Malaria (Contracted abroad)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1

COMPARATIVE CASE RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Disease	North Herefordshire	England & Wales
Whooping Cough	0.36	0.19
Measles	9.28	4.00
Scarlet Fever	0.25	0.33
Erysipelas	0.14	0.04
Acute Encephalitis:		
Infective	0.05	0.002
Post-Infectious	0.05	0.003
Acute Pneumonia	0.41	0.27
Dysentery	0.03	0.66
Food Poisoning	0.14	0.01
Paratyphoid Fever	0.03	0.003
Tuberculosis:		
Pulmonary	0.19	0.39
Non-Pulmonary	0.05	0.05
* Puerperal Pyrexia	1.70	8.33

* per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births

TUBERCULOSIS

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
Number on Register at 31st December, 1961.	17	10	5	6
New cases notified	2	1	-	-
Recovered	1	2	-	-
Number on Register at 31st December, 1962.	18	9	5	6

TUBERCULOSIS (Continued)

Year	New Notifications	Total cases on Register	Deaths	Recoveries
1958	1	48	1	6
1959	-	45	-	3
1960	-	41	-	2
1961	-	38	1	1
1962	3	38	-	3

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, Section 47
NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

No action needed to be taken under this section during the year.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S SECTION OF REPORT

Water Supplies

No notable progress was made during the year in respect of the second phase of the district water scheme by the Water Board. House connections were however made as required in the parishes served by the mains laid in the first phase, and were of great benefit especially during the late summer.

That part of the district not covered by phase 1 was still dependant on wells, springs and small estate supplies. Problems of shortage in two parishes occurred, but with the assistance of the Water Board these were dealt with as they arose.

Twelve samples of water were taken for bacteriological examination during the year. Five were satisfactory and seven were unsatisfactory. Advice as to measures to improve supplies was given where required.

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

There are no public swimming baths in the district.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The three schemes before the Ministry relate to modernisation of works and treatment at the two existing works of Eardisley and Pembridge, and the proposed sewering and relevant disposal works at Lyonshall. Further information in respect of these schemes was supplied to the Ministry during the year. With the advent of water mains in these parishes the urgency of these schemes is very apparent.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

The work of refuse collection and disposal continued throughout the year. The quantity collected increases annually and the provision of suitable and sufficient tipping sites is creating a problem. At present four tips are in operation, but a fifth is urgently needed. Crude tipping is employed but this is interfered with by unauthorised tipping of large objects such as car bodies and oil drums despite warning notices against such depositing.

RODENT CONTROL

Systematic survey and treatment, parish by parish, has been carried out, and rat infestation throughout the district has been kept under control. In addition to private and business property, the Council's sewers and disposal works, together with the refuse tips, received routine attention.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS

Council house repairs	143
Housing Acts	121
Nuisances and Complaints	27
Building Byelaws	204
Water supplies (general)	67
Milk and Dairies Regulations	17
Food Premises	188
Disinfection following infectious disease	1
Disinfestation of verminous premises	-
Refuse Disposal	63
Sewerage	157
Hergest Camp	134
Miscellaneous	9
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NOTICES ISSUED

Informal	7
Statutory	-
Complied with	7

HOUSING

There was no Council house building during the year, but plans of bungalows for elderly persons in the parish of Whitney-on-Wye were approved and for which tenders were subsequently invited. It was hoped to start building early in the new year.

Five houses were completed by private enterprise and five others were under construction at the end of the year.

HOUSING (Continued)

Eight applications for Discretionary Grants towards the cost of improvements to private dwellings were received during the year, six were approved and two refused. Eighteen applications for Standard Grants were also received and approved, the total grants approved amounting to £3,060. The general trend of improvements to private property in the district was therefore well maintained.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

The two private slaughterhouses were still in use in the district. One of these was modernised during the year to comply with the regulations. The other one could not be modernised by reason of bad location and disrepair, and plans were approved for a replacement on a more suitable site. This building is well under way and should be ready in the early part of 1963.

Routine visits were made on all occasions of slaughtering, the number of animals inspected being as follows:-

Cattle	168
Sheep	589
Lambs	254

The quantity of meat rejected as unfit for consumption was relatively slight, consisting of the following:

1 carcase of pig.
108 lb. offal.

This reflects the very high quality meat which is available for sale in the district.

Twentyseven visits were made to other food premises where conditions generally were satisfactory, due consideration being given to the age of the buildings concerned and the availability or otherwise of essential services.

Food Premises are summarised as follows:-

General shops	12
Butchers shops	2
Bakeries	2
Cafes	-
Public Houses	14

Number of premises registered under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act: 11.

Food Hygiene Regulations

No prosecutions were taken under these regulations.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	10	10	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec.7 is enforced by L.A.	2	4	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the L.A. (Excluding out-workers' premises)	5	6	-	-
Total	17	20	-	-

Cases in which defects were found:

	Found	Remedied
Want of cleanliness	3	3
Insufficient sanitary conveniences ..	1	1